



An email from Julia Howe – 31 December 2020

Dear Students

Start of Spring Term – Revised Arrangements

Further to my earlier email regarding the start of term, please find below a summary of our current plans. I am sure that you will realise, government guidance for colleges is issued through a variety of sources and quite often, with very little notice. A number of major changes were announced yesterday, 30th December and we expect further announcements in the coming days/weeks, please be reassured that we will update you as soon as we can, as and when changes occur. So, please can I ask that you bear with us whilst we work through the detail and plan and develop processes to ensure that we can continue to deliver education effectively and in a safe environment for all.

Monday 4th January

- This will remain a planning day for all staff – the College is closed.
- Plans for the deployment of the lateral-flow mass testing for both you and staff will continue. More information will be published alongside details of data protection and the method to be used to collect your consent to testing
- Your Tutors will contact you to share plans for remote delivery for the remainder of the week.

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 8th January

- Scheduled examinations will continue as planned, please ensure you know when and where your exams are taking place (you may need to contact your tutor if you are unsure)
- Remote learning provision will be in place for all students including apprentices and Higher Education students
- If your parents/carers are Critical Workers, if you have an EHCP or need to be onsite, we are able to arrange for you to attend onsite provision, you will follow your normal timetable and access lessons in your regular classrooms alongside your lecturers. We ask that all students wishing to make use of this provision for this week to contact Kelly_Bush@weymouth.ac.uk.
- If you are considered Clinically Extremely Vulnerable you will continue with remote learning
- During the week, all staff will be tested through the lateral-flow process
- Plans for the deployment of mass testing for students and staff will continue, please be aware you may be requested to undertake regular tests
- Tutors will contact you during the week if your remote delivery continues into the following week
- Tutors will contact you if you are due to return to confirm details of a staggered timetable – transport arrangements will also be confirmed

Monday 11th January – Friday 15th January

- If you are due to sit external examinations within this current year, onsite face-to-face teaching will resume and will follow the normal timetable schedule (this will be confirmed by your Tutor)
- If you are not due to sit external examinations within this current year you will continue with remote learning (this will be confirmed by your Tutor)
- If your parents/carers are Critical Workers, if you have an EHCP or need to be onsite, we are able to arrange for you to attend onsite provision, you will follow your normal timetable and access lessons in your regular classrooms alongside your lecturers. We ask that all students wishing to make use of this provision for this week to contact Kelly_Bush@weymouth.ac.uk.
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- Plans for the deployment of mass testing for students and staff will continue, please be aware you may be requested to undertake regular tests

Monday 18th January onwards (Please note that this date is likely to undergo further review by government in the interim period and therefore may well change)

- Onsite face-to-face teaching will resume for all students
- The ambition is that two rounds of testing is in place for your return. If you are identified as a 'close contact' of a positive case, you will be offered the opportunity to have daily testing prior to the start of the College day as an alternative to undergoing a period of self-isolation
- Moving forward it is hoped that regular testing will continue, however full details of the expectations are yet to be published
- If you are considered Clinically Extremely Vulnerable you will continue with remote learning

Can I also remind you that if there you have any further questions, reports of positive cases or you are required to self-isolate prior to return please contact the College Covid email covid@weymouth.ac.uk and follow the current government guidelines.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for you continued support and best wishes for the New Year.

We look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Best wishes

Julia

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